THE, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Government are aware that China conducted an underground nuclear test on October 5, 1993.

(b) Government keep under constant review all developments having a bearing on India's security and take appropriate measures to safeguard national security. India has consistently advocated a comprehensive ban on the testing of nuclear weapons. It remains our earnest hopei that all states, nuclear weapon states and non-nuclear weapon states alike will together conclude such a ban at the earliest.

पाकिस्तान के प्रधान मंत्री के साथ वार्ता

648. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हमारे प्रधान मंत्री की और पाकिस्तान की नव निर्वाचित प्रधान मंत्री श्रीमती बेनजीर भुट्टो के बीच निकट भविष्य में बातचीत कराये जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस मामले में किसने पहल की है और यदि अभी तक कोई पहल नहीं की गई है, तो क्या इस मामले में कोई पहल करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर. एल. भाटिय) : (क) और (ख) 19 अक्तूबर 1993 को पाकिस्तान की प्रधान मंत्री को अपने संदेश में हमारे प्रधान मंत्री ने भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच आपसी हित चिन्ता के सभी मसलों पर, जिसमें जम्मू-कश्मीर से संबंधित मसले भी शामिल हैं, विस्तृत एवं सतत द्विपक्षीय विचार-विमर्श का प्रस्ताव किया था।

पाकिस्तान की प्रधान मंत्री ने यह उत्तर दिया था कि पाकिस्तान, भारत तथा पाकिस्तान के बीच गंभीर बा-चीत के जरिए कश्मीर तथा अन्य समस्याओं के समाधान के लिए सार्थक विचार विमर्श के लिए तैयार है।

भारत तथा पाकिस्तान की सरकार द्वारा 24 नवम्बर, 1993 को जारी एक संयुक्त वक्तव्य में इस बात की पुन: पुष्टि की गई थी कि शिमला समझौते के अनुरूप दोनों देशों के बीच विदेश सचिव स्तर का विचार-विमर्श इस्लामाबाद में 1 से 3 जनवरी, 1994 तक होगा।

Pakistan's plan to raise Kashmir issue at International Fora

649. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the jre-cent east Pakistan consistently raised the bilateral Kashmir issue at various international fora including the Commonwealth Conference at Cyprus thereby visiting the Commonwealth spirit and established convention;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to counter the Pakistani moves on Kashmir and what action Government propose to take to counter such moves by Pakistani in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pakistan has raised the Kashmir issue of the Viena Human Rights Conference in June 1993, the Commonwealth Summit in Limassol in October 1993, the current Session of the UN General Assembly and at various meetings of thet DIC.

(c) Appropriate steps have been taken by Government to counter the Pakistani moves through diplomatic channels. Government will adhere to their consistent stand that Pakistan should desist from attempts to internatonalise bilateral issues.

and join India in sincere efforts to resolve all issues peacefully and bilaterally in terms of the Simla Agreement

Efforts by organisation of Islamic Conference to raise Kashmir issue in U.N.

650. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that 51 member States of the Organisation of Islamic Conference decided recently to make coordinated efforts in the recent Session of the United Nations General Assembly for adopting a resolution asking thr UN investigations into the alleged human rights violations in Kashmir;

(b) if so, what i_s the reaction of Government in regard thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to deal with this effectively at the UN when it came up before it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) communique of 29th November 1993 included a reference calling on OIC member States to make a coordinated approach for the adoption of a resolution in the; 48th Session of the United Nations General Assembly on the alleged violation of human rights by India in Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) and (c0 Government had taken, up the matter with members of the OIC. We pointed out that the human rights situation in Jammu and Kashmir had been adversely affected by the activities of terrorists receiving material and moral support from abroad. Government of India is fully cognisant of the need to protect human rights and this had been evidenced in successful resolution of the situation at Hazratbaf.

Most OIC member States assured India (hat they would prefer India and Pakistan settling the Jammm and Kashmir issue bilaterally, in accordance with the Shall* Agreement. The Pakistani sponsored resolution on the human rights situation in Jammu and Kashmir was not ultimately tabled in the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly for Want of adequate suppoirt.

Indo-China pact on line of actual control

651 CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indo-China Pact has been signed on the Line of Actual Con trol during the recent visit of Prime Minister to Beijing;

(b(i if so, what are the terms and con>-ditions of the Indo-China Pact on the Line of Actual Control; and

(c) the total source kilometers of the border involved on Indo-China border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRT R. L. BHATIA): (a) Duringl the Prime Minitster's visit to China, the Agreement on the Maintenance of, Peace and Tranquility Along the Line of Actual Control in the India-China Border Areas was signed in Beijing on September 7, 1993.

(b) A copy of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the People's Re public of China on the Maintenance of Peace and TranqullKty Along the' Line of Actual Control in the India-China Bor der Areas has been placed in the Parlia ment Library.

(c(\ Under Article One of the agreement, where necessary the two sides shall check and determine the segments of the line of actual control where they have different views a_s to its alignment.

Halt of nuclear arms production programme by Pakistan

652. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: